(c) According to the details furnished by the Reserve Bank of India in respect of FERA companies, profits/dividends repatriated by top ten companies in the last five years on the basis of profits repatriated by them in 1990-91 is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CLXJ.V, Annexure No. 26).

Relaxation of Tourist Baggage Rules

1206. SHRI P. UPENDRA: WiU the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs Department has recently, relaxed and simplified the tourist baggage rules; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tourist Baggage Rules, 1978 have been amended with effect from 19-06-1992 so as to permit the import of Video Camera/Camcorder, Colour Television (not exceeding 15 cm. in size), Compact Disc. Player, Laptop Computer and electronic diary also temporarily without payment of duty provided that these items are for the personal use of the tourist and are re-exported by him on his leaving India for a foreign destination.

Transfer of SC/ST Officers in Reserve Bank of India

1207. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact* that some SC/ST grade 'A' Staff Officers were, recently, transferred from Chandigarh to Calcutta branch of Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, whether the tenure fixed by Reserve Bank of India for transfers have not been adhered in these transfers;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a), to (d) Reserve Bank of India has reported that only one Scheduled Caste Staff Officer Grade 'A' has been transferred from Chandigarh to Calcutta in May 1992 and in his case tenure fixed for transfer of such officers has been adhered to. The officer had filed a Writ Petition in the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh. The Court directed the Bank to take a decision on his representation before implementing the transfer order and disposed of the petition. Accordingly, the Bank examined his representation and did not accede to his request to stay the transfer. The officer again brought a stay order from the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh which was subsequently got vacated by the Bank. The petition is, however, still pending and the matter is *sub-judice.*

Misuse of Gold allotted to Ayurvedic Medicine Manufacturers

1208. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of gold allotted to various ayurvedic medicine manufacturers during the past three years;

(b) what is the firm-wise breakup thereof;

(c) whether Government have been receiving complaints of this controlled price gold being misused and sold in the black market;

(d) if so, what action has been initiated against the erring firms; and